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- A V-2 type bomb has been produced by the Viet Hinh at Factory No. 924 in the village of Vovan*, Thanh Hoa. The bomb is approximately twenty inches long, and weighs 110 pounds. It has a range of 6.25 miles and the ability to destroy a brick wall, three feet thick.
- 2. The Chinese Communists have provided Viet Minh forces with 1,000 trucks. The convoy left Hanning for the Tonkin border in the middle of October 1950. On 3 October 1950, the Ho Chi Minh Government ordered that each village recaptured from the French by the Viet Minh provide five men to be sent for training in China.
- The French air Force has bombed the Viet Minh mobile communications unit south of Thai Nguyen, in anticipation of Viet Minh dispersal of troops in the area. Viet linh forces are expected to launch a concentrated campaign shortly in order to capture the remaining French-controlled posts in Tonkin.**

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Comment. The name of this village was also received Zovan. It has not been identified.

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Comment. The Vict linh will most probably stage an offensive first against Haiphong in order to isolate Hanoi from French reinforcements. An attack on Hanoi from all sides, however, would render the preliminary capture of Haiphong unnecessary.

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